

Practitioner's Docket No. MPI00-212CP1CN1M

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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been canceled, without prejudice, and new claims 24-33 have been added. Accordingly, claims 24-33 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Specifically, support may be found, for example, at page 5, line 26 through page 6, line 5; at page 7, lines 20-24; at page 21, lines 4-7; at page 21, line 27 through page 22, line 2; at page 31, lines 21-27; at page 40, lines 4-7; at page 62, lines 3-5; at page 62, line 28 through page 63, line 6; at page 63, line 29 through page 64, line 13; at page 64, lines 19-23; at page 65, lines 1-4; at page 65, lines 10-11; and at page 67, lines 18-23.

No new matter has been added by way of amendment, and Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination.

Species Election

Applicants hereby elect the species of the "short form" of human B7-H2 (SEQ ID NO:4, or ATCC deposit No. PTA-2085). Applicants note that claims 24-33 as amended are readable on the elected species.

It is Applicants' understanding that this election is being made solely to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is Applicants' further understanding that, if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until the examination includes the full scope of the claimed subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

This paper is being filed timely as a request for three month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. In the event any additional extensions of time are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

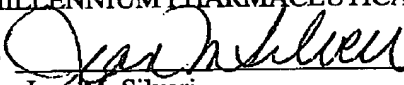
Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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